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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996.

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As members of Civil Society, we strongly urge Governments to strengthen families-the foundation of social and economic advancement and cultural preservation-as they try to cope with the daunting challenges of our time: globalization, economic dislocation, extreme poverty, migration, and trans-nationalism.

The Copenhagen Declaration and Plan of Action, as well as the Millennium Development Goals, have set positive and far reaching targets to be achieved, including the eradication of poverty, promotion of full employment, social inclusion, gender equality, and access to quality education and medical care. The Millennium Development Goals have specified the time frames for the accomplishment of these goals, and are seeking concrete indicators of the extent to which certain commitments are being honoured. The reduction of poverty and the attainment of child and maternal health are two of the areas they are carefully tracking.

As we approach the review of how far we have come in attaining these commitments and goals, it is clear that the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as the Millennium Development Goals, can be achieved only if greater political will and increased resources are forthcoming. We therefore urge Governments to show their commitment by:

- Allocating 0.7% of GNP to development assistance
- Enacting policies which strengthen families and their members, especially youth, women, and the elderly
- Promoting full employment with decent wages and working conditions to prevent family fragmentation
- Zero tolerance for human trafficking, especially of women and children
- Guaranteeing adequate health care for all
- Funding for the prevention and eradication of HIV-AIDS.